



## **FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding in the Chair.

#### **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, & ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business.

The roll was called and the following members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Dale Stephens, David A. Osborne, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger, Betsy Conrad, and Ted Bushelman.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, City Coordinator Patricia J. Wingo, Community Development Director/Assistant City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, Finance Director Linda Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Human Resources Director Regina Blain, Information Technology Director Colin Campbell, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Administrative Assistant Donna Smith, Gene Cunningham, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Brenna Kelly, Florence Recorder Newspaper Reporter Lindsay Kottmann, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

#### **MINUTES:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2006 Regular Meeting of Council. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

#### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation declaring the week of May 14-20, 2006 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Florence.

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation declaring the week of May 21-27, 2006 as National Public Services Week in the City of Florence.

#### **FIRST READINGS:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

**ORDINANCE O-10-06:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ON A 0.24 ACRE SITE (LOTS 8 AND 9 OF ERLANGER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK NO. 16) GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF THE PROPERTY AT 6712 HIGHRIDGE AVENUE AND NORTH OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS CHURCH AT 6800 HAZEL COURT, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, TO REZONE THE SITE FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES (PF) TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TWO (SR-2) IN ORDER TO ALLOW DETACHED, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES. (CROWN HOMES, INC.)

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Mayor Whalen read the following summary of the Ordinance: *The effect of this Ordinance is to rezone from Public Facilities (PF) to Suburban Residential Two (SR-2) a tract of approximately 0.24 acres consisting of Lots 8 and 9 of Erlanger Heights Subdivision, Block No. 16, generally located west of the property at 6712 Highridge Avenue and north of the Fellowship of Believers Church at 6800 Hazel Court, Florence, Kentucky, to allow detached single family residences.*

Councilmember Osborne moved, with second from Councilmember Carroll, that Ordinance No. O-10-06 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

**ORDINANCE O-11-06:** AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE UNIMPROVED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SPICEWOOD STREET BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK NO. 8 AND LOT 12, BLOCK NO. 7 OF ERLANGER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Whalen read the following summary of the Ordinance: *The purpose of this Ordinance is to close the unimproved right-of-way of Spicewood Street consisting of a 30 foot wide strip between Lot 1, Block No. 8 and Lot 12, Block No. 7 of Erlanger Heights Subdivision. This closure has been requested by the owners of the adjoining property. The Ordinance further contains findings that all abutting property owners have been identified, have been provided with written notice of the proposed closing, and have given written consent to the closing.*

Councilmember Osborne moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger, that Ordinance No. O-11-06 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next meeting of Council. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

**MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-5-06:** A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY'S MEMBER AND ALTERNANTE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Bushelman moved, with second from Councilmember Conrad, that Municipal Order MO-5-06 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MOTION:** To accept the Berling Property Deed in lieu of foreclosure

Mayor Whalen and Public Services Director Bob Townsend gave an update regarding the Berling property at Lot 76, Section 3 (vacant lot) in the Evergreen Farms Subdivision. Additional discussion followed.

Councilmember Conrad moved, with second from Vice Mayor Metzger, to accept the Berling Property Deed in lieu of foreclosure. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Memorial Day Parade and Program, scheduled for Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. beginning at Boone County High School.

Mayor Whalen advised of a telephone call she received earlier today from a representative of Dermatology Associates regarding possible grant money from the Dermatology Association of America for shade shelters at the Family Aquatic Center. She said the City may apply for such a grant once the application is forwarded.

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Mayor Whalen advised of the grand opening of the new Super Wal-Mart on Houston Road scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 7 a.m.

Mayor Whalen advised of the primary election on Tuesday, May 16 from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. She encouraged citizens to go to the polls and vote.

**CITY COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

There was no report given by City Coordinator Pat Wingo.

**OTHER:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Councilmember desired recognition; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; no one responded.

**DISCUSSION:**                      2006 City of Florence Budget (Continued)

Mayor Whalen and City Council continued its discussion regarding the 2006 Budget. Additional discussion followed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no need for City Council to go into Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carroll so moved, with second from Councilmember Bushelman, and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk